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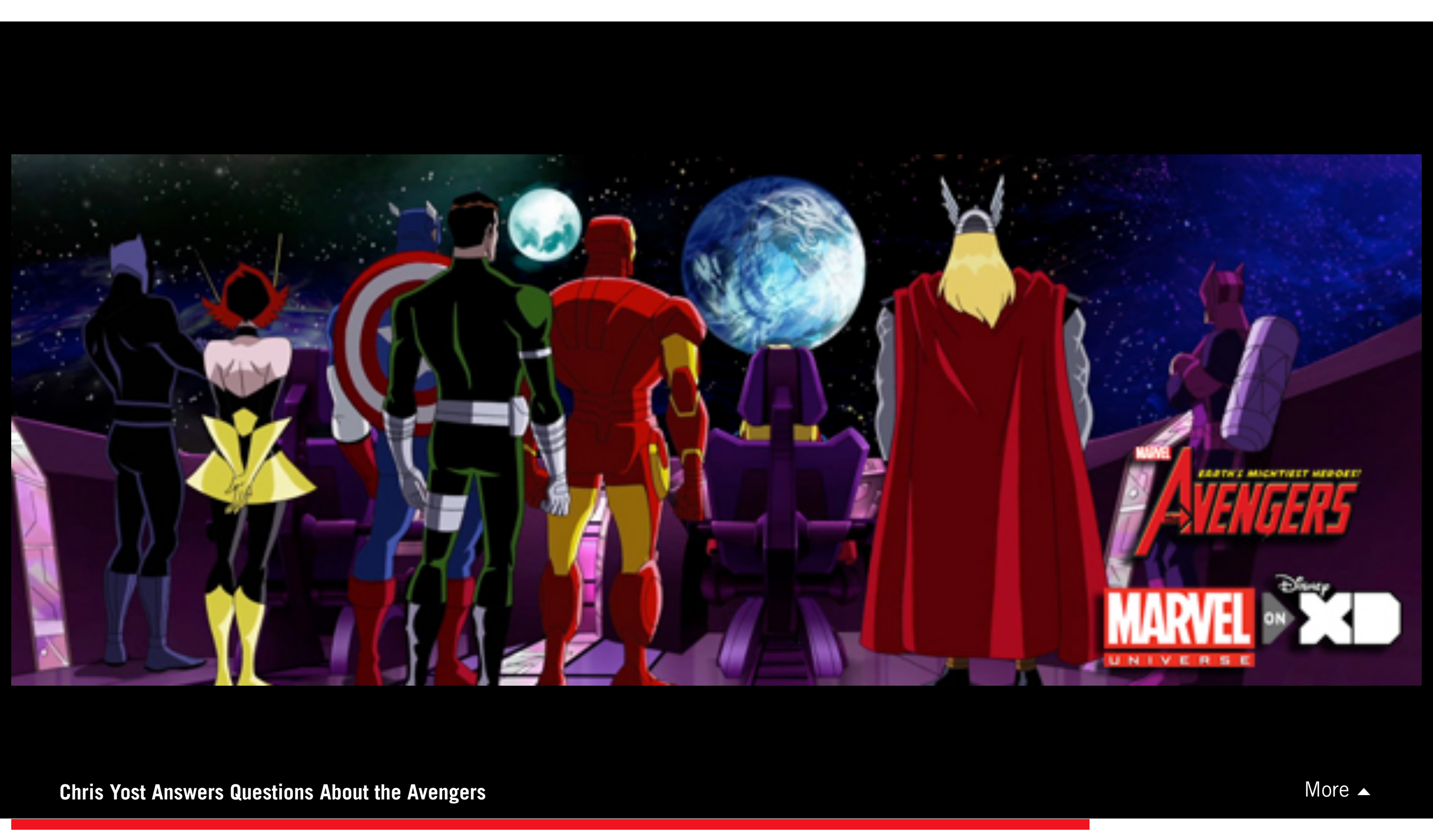

Chris Yost Answers Questions About the Avengers

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CHRIS YOST BIDS AVENGERS: EMH! FAREWELL

Earth's Mightiest Story Editor answers questions about the show before the conclusion to his story this Sunday!

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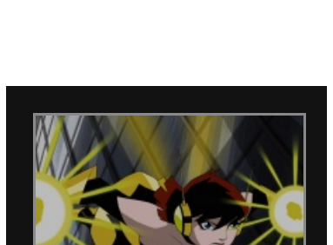
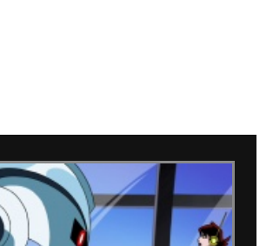

Wasp from "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes!"

Cap, Iron Man, Thor, Hawkeye, Ms. Marvel and many more unite for one final battle in "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes!" during the saga's climactic episode this Sunday at 11:30 a.m. ET inside Marvel Universe on Disney XD!

Last week, we asked you to send us questions for Chris Yost, the show's Story Editor. Many of you asked, so you shall receive--Yost has his responses for fans right below, so keep on reading to find out more about his all-time favorite episode, favorite villain and the overall experience he had while working on "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes!"

Marvel.com: After two seasons of AEMH, which episode was your *all-time* favorite to work on, and why?

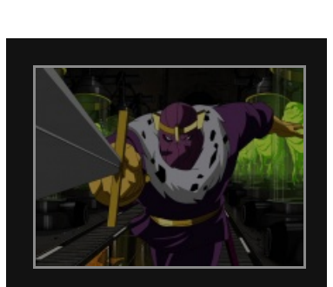

Ultron holding Wasp in an episode of "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes!"

Chris Yost: Oh, man. That's a tough one. I've got great love for them all. But if I had to choose...I wouldn't. My top three are probably “Ultron Unlimited,” “The Fall of Asgard” and “Who Do You Trust?"

“Ultron Unlimited” because it was just so tense. Ultron was flat out frightening. “The Fall of Asgard,” just for the fun of seeing the Avengers scattered throughout the Nine Realms, each one facing huge threats on their own. And “Who Do you Trust?” because there really was no villain--just paranoia tearing the team apart.

Marvel.com: Which Avenger, or super hero guest star, did you find yourself most attached to during the production of the series?

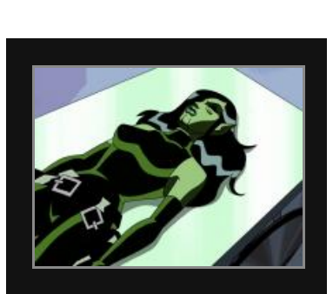
Chris Yost: Oh, Wasp, no doubt. With Ant-Man, Hawkeye and Black Panther tied for second. I love Cap, Iron Man, Hulk and Thor as much as the next guy, but I really took on those four "B-listers" and tried to show everyone why they're as great, if not greater than, the "Big Four."


Baron Zemo from "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes!"

Marvel.com: And throughout both seasons, who was your favorite villain?

Chris Yost: Hm. I always have had a great love for Dr. Doom, so it was great to see him in Season 2. But I really grew fond of Zemo. His arrogance, his hate, his readiness to sacrifice his own teammates and betray them...he's a lot of fun. Great accent, too.

Marvel.com: The series really melded both classic and current storylines from the Avengers comics--how did you go about selecting the larger arcs? For instance, what made Loki the ideal Big Bad in Season 1 and Secret Invasion one of the key storylines in Season 2?


Viper is a Skrull in "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes!"

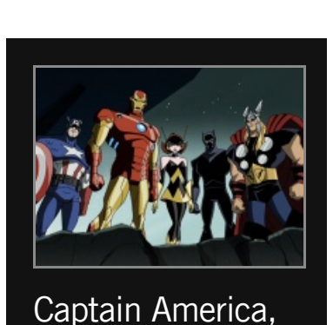
Chris Yost: Loki was ideal for Season 1 because a) he was the character that brought the Avengers together in the comics, and b) we could make a big, epic, season long story out of his plans to get Thor out of the way and take over Asgard. But honestly, it was tough. The other early choice for the Season 1 Big Bad was Kang.

In Season 2, we knew we wanted to go cosmic, and given that the Kree/Skrull War is one of *the* big Avengers stories, we decided to use both. Bendis' Secret Invasion felt like a good story to start off with as an introduction to the Skrulls because of the body snatcher component. The mistrust and paranoia that the Skrulls put out there really let us examine our team and tear them apart, which is fun.

Marvel.com: How did you juggle the larger roster of the series, especially after adding even more characters like Ms. Marvel or Vision in Season 2?

Chris Yost: Season 1 was easier for sure... we were still building the team all the way through Episode 14. Then we hit two really big stories, Kang and Ultron--that really needed everyone. But you find ways to focus on everyone, to give each character a moment.

Now adding Ms. Marvel and Vision were tougher. But in true Marvel fashion, Avengers come and go, so Thor was out of the picture except for a one-off in the first half of Season 2, then Hulk was out for the majority of it until the end--so it works out. Plus, every member of the team doesn't have to be in every episode.


Captain America, Iron Man, Wasp, Black Panther and Thor from "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes!"

Marvel.com: Looking back at your time on Earth’s Mightiest Heroes, did you come to any new understandings of who the Avengers are by the end of the series that were different from when you started?

Chris Yost: Well, in the sense that I only thought I loved the Avengers before, now I know I do. This show is such a big part of me now, I can't express how much I've enjoyed and am honored to be able to work on it, but mostly to be able to help introduce the Avengers to a whole new generation.

Marvel.com: And now some questions from the fans! From Steven Simmons: What’s one thing, or character, that you wanted to put in the series but were unable to?

Chris Yost: I would have loved to done a big, full on Secret Wars [story with] the Beyonder, X-Men, Fantastic Four, Avengers, everything. That's one of my formative stories.

Marvel.com: From Leo R. Cherry: With all of the modern Avengers characters making appearances (Luke Cage, Iron Fist, Quake), did you have any thought in bringing in some of the other classic Avengers, such as Quicksilver, Scarlet Witch, Tigra, Jocasta, Bill (Goliath) Foster, Hercules, Rita (Yellowjacket) DeMara?

Chris Yost: We definitely talked about Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch, and Hercules is one of my favorites. Jocasta made it in, sort of.

Hawkeye from "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes!"

Marvel.com: From Sam Wilson: Is it difficult to balance the powers of the characters so that characters like Hawkeye feel as useful as the Hulk or Thor?

Chris Yost: To me, Hawkeye is greater than Hulk or Thor because he's just a guy standing shoulder to shoulder with monsters and gods. I'd say that over the course of the series, Hawkeye proved his worth a hundred times over.

Marvel.com: From Christopher Pooler: Who is your favorite Avengers villain?

Chris Yost: ZEMO!

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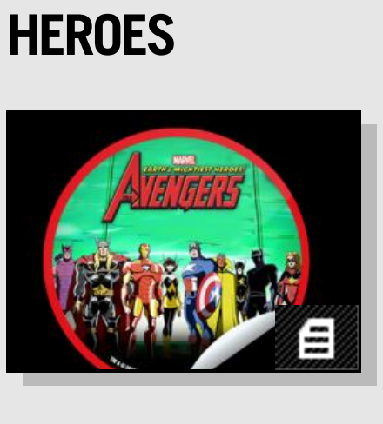

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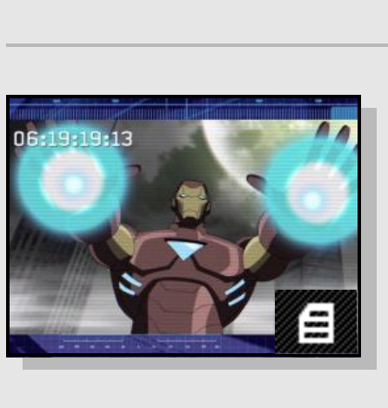

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Episodes: 37
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